

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND

EVA GAMBLE

v.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND,
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN,
YOUTH AND FAMILIES, and
KIMBERLY JOLY-SOW

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C.A. No. 10-512ML

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

Before this Court is Plaintiff's Motion for Appointment of Counsel. (Document No. 3). The Motion for Appointment of Counsel has been referred to me for determination. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A); LR Cv 72(a). For the reasons set forth below, Plaintiff's Motion for Appointment of Counsel is DENIED.

There is no absolute right to an attorney in a civil case. DesRosiers v. Moran, 949 F.2d 15, 23-24 (1st Cir. 1991). Before appointing an attorney, the Court must look to the type and complexity of the case and the ability of Plaintiff to prosecute it. Id.; Whisenant v. Yuam, 739 F.2d 160 (4th Cir. 1984). Further, there is no mechanism presently available in this Court to appoint attorneys to represent civil litigants or to assist civil litigants in finding an attorney. From a review of the documents filed in this case to the present time, the Court finds that Plaintiff has demonstrated the general ability to articulate her claim, and that Plaintiff has at least a basic understanding of the legal procedures to be followed. Thus, her request for appointment of counsel is denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that Plaintiff's Motion for Appointment of Counsel
(Document No. 3) is DENIED.

/s/ Lincoln D. Almond
LINCOLN D. ALMOND
United States Magistrate Judge
December 28, 2009